AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 35. (Canceled)

36. (New) A container and lid combination comprising:

a) a container having a bottom and an upstanding wall having a rim at the open end;
b) a closure element adapted to seat on the rim, said element having an internal flange that abuts and sealingly engages the internal edge of the rim;
c) a lid attached to the closure element and having a dependent internal flange adapted to sealingly engage an internal edge of the closure element; and
d) a carry handle attached to the closure element and is pivotable between a carrying position and a stowed position

37. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 36 in which said dependent flange of the lid wipes past an internal sealing strip located on the flange of the closure element and extends past said sealing strip.

38. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 37 in which said dependent flange of the lid is shaped to allow the lid to drain any contents back into the container.

39. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 36 in which the closure element incorporates a pouring spout, adapted to guide the flow of the liquid contents of the container, extending outwardly from the internal edge of the closure element against which the lid sealingly engages.

40. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 36 in which the flange of the closure element incorporates a peripheral bead on its outer face to seat below the container rim to retain the closure element on the container.

41. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 36 in which the lid hinges from the closed position to one or more open positions using a camming surface associated with the hinge.

42. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 36 in which the upstanding wall incorporates an outwardly facing circumferential corrugation below the rim.

43. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 42 wherein the corrugation is spaced below the rim so that the closure element and lid can be accommodated on the rim and the corrugation projects outwardly further than the peripheral edge of the closure.

44. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 36 in which the handle is integrally moulded with the closure element.

45. (New) A closure element for use in the container and lid combination defined in claim 36 said closure element adapted to be mounted on an annular rim of a can and consisting of

a) An annular ring having a can rim sealing flange adapted to abut and sealingly engage with an internal edge of a can rim and an internal edge portion arranged to define an opening;
b) a lid attached to the closure element and having a dependent internal flange adapted to sealingly engage said internal edge of the closure element allowing sealing and re-sealing of said opening with said lid; and
c) a carry handle attached to the closure element and is pivotable between a carrying position and a stowed position.

46. (New) A closure element as claimed in claim 45 in which the annular ring has an annular wall spaced inwardly of said can rim sealing flange and the lid incorporates a dependent flange which wipes past an internal sealing strip located on the inner wall of said annular ring and extends past the sealing bead.

47. (New) A closure element as claimed in claim 46 in which the dependent peripheral flange of the lid is shaped to allow the lid to drain any contents back into the container

48. (New) A closure element as claimed in claim 45 in which the ring incorporates a pouring spout, adapted to guide the flow of the liquid contents of the container to which the closure element is attached, extending outwardly from the inner wall of the ring against which the lid sealingly abuts.

49. (New) A closure element as claimed in claim 45 in which the lid hinges from the closed position to one or more open positions using a camming surface associated with the hinge.